

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

OPPOSITION TO H.J. RES. 24, DISAPPROVING THE ACTION OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COUNCIL IN APPROVING THE LOCAL RESIDENT VOTING RIGHTS AMENDMENT ACT OF 2022

HON. TERRI A. SEWELL

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 9, 2023

Ms. SEWELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak against the House Republican's effort to block the expansion of voting rights for the people of Washington D.C. This absurd resolution is a clear attempt to block 100,000 residents in D.C. from having access to the ballot box. Our vote is our voice, and it must be defended as a fundamental right for all Americans. Fifty-eight years ago, foot soldiers in my hometown of Selma, Alabama put their lives on the line to ensure that Black Americans could participate in the political process. But sadly, old battles have become new again.

House Republicans are trying to undermine the efforts of those who sacrificed their lives by rushing legislation to the floor that would prevent DC residents from being able to use their voice to make decisions that will impact their everyday lives. This is why I will reintroduce the John Robert Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act because it will protect voters by barring discriminatory voting practices. It is our duty to ensure that every American can exercise their right to vote. I strongly urge my colleague to vote against this voter suppression legislation.

CONGRATULATING THE CITY OF WEST COVINA ON BEING NAMED 3RD SAFEST CITY IN THE U.S.

HON. GRACE F. NAPOLITANO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 9, 2023

Mrs. NAPOLITANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the City of West Covina on being named one of the safest cities in the United States. The announcement of this recognition comes just as the City of West Covina is celebrating its 100th anniversary.

According to a MoneyGeek study published last month, West Covina is ranked the 3rd safest among cities with a population over 100,000. MoneyGeek's annual analysis looked at the most recent FBI crime statistics to estimate the cost of crime in 263 cities across the U.S. The analysis paired reported crime statistics with academic research on the societal costs of different types of crimes to estimate the cost of crime for each city.

While the national average cost of crime per capita in U.S. cities is \$1,836, in West Covina it is \$181, and while the national average for violent crimes is over 560 crimes per 100,000 residents, West Covina has a rate around 49 per 100,000 residents.

Incorporated in 1923, West Covina was an agricultural community with orange groves and walnut groves that was turned into a bedroom community.

After receiving a request last year from the city, I was very proud to secure \$7,000,000 in FY23 Community Project Funding for pedestrian handicap accessibility and signal synchronization improvements along Azusa Avenue, a central corridor with the city limits of West Covina. It has been my honor to represent this thriving community in Congress for the past 10 years, and I will continue fighting to deliver federal dollars to meet the needs of the city and all residents.

I extend my hearty congratulations to Mayor Rosario Diaz and all distinguished members of the city council, City Manager David Carmany and the rest of the hard-working city staff, Police Chief Richard Bell and the entire courageous West Covina Police Department, and to the wonderful residents of West Covina. May their great city continue to be safe. God Bless.

TRIBUTE TO THE ROTARY CLUB OF BURBANK

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 9, 2023

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Rotary Club of Burbank upon its centennial anniversary.

The Rotary Club of Burbank began in 1923 as a local service club that provided professional business members with varied backgrounds the opportunity to network, exchange ideas and form lifelong friendships. Over time, as Rotary's vision gradually expanded to humanitarian services, members began to address challenges locally and globally, partaking in the weekly Tuesday gatherings where information would be shared about community service projects in the city, nonprofit organizations, and schools.

Over the years, the Rotary Club of Burbank has been unwavering in its dedication to serving people in the Burbank community and beyond. The organization has provided humanitarian assistance worldwide, including hands-on support and financial aid to seniors and children in Costa Rica, Mexico, Peru, and Puerto Rico.

Local notable organizations that the Rotary Club of Burbank and its foundation, the Burbank Rotary Foundation, established in 1980, have supported include the Boys & Girls Club of Burbank and Greater East Valley, Providence Saint Joseph Medical Center, Home Again Los Angeles, and Burbank Temporary Aid Center. Additionally, the club has provided abundant support to teachers and students in Burbank through the Student of the Month program and the Teachers of Excellence program.

At its 100-year celebration, the Rotary Club of Burbank will recognize two families for their

dedicated support. These are the Taylor family, which has been active in the organization for decades, and is the only family that has had three generations of club presidents, Glen, Darrell and Jonathan, and the Rubinfeld family, which boasts Nat Rubinfeld as the current longest tenured member of the club.

It is a pleasure to honor the Rotary Club of Burbank upon their anniversary of one hundred years of outstanding and dedicated service to the Burbank community and the greater global community. I ask all Members to join me in commending their efforts.

INTRODUCTION OF THE INSULAR AREA MEDICAID PARITY ACT

HON. GREGORIO KILILI CAMACHO SABLÁN

OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 9, 2023

Mr. SABLÁN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to reintroduce the Insular Area Medicaid Parity Act. This legislation seeks to protect the continued delivery of critical healthcare services to Americans in all corners of our Nation by eliminating the general Medicaid funding limitations for territories of the United States.

The Northern Mariana Islands, American Samoa, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands are subject to a hard, statutory limit on federal Medicaid support, unlike the 50 states and the District of Columbia. This cap means that preventive care and treatment for the poorest Americans in the insular areas will always be less available than for Americans elsewhere.

Congress has also acknowledged this inequity. We acted to provide more Medicaid funding for the insular areas by substantially lifting the cap through P.L. 116-94, Further Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2020. Provisions in P.L. 116-127, the Families First Coronavirus Response Act created equity between the states and the insular areas with respect to the increase in the federal-local match for Medicaid. Families First, also, provided additional federal dollars for the insular area Medicaid programs. Most recently, P.L. 117-328, the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023, made permanent the 83 percent federal match for Medicaid for the smaller territories.

The Insular Area Medicaid Parity Act furthers this progress by creating an enduring policy that safeguards the health of the poorest Americans in our insular areas. By repealing the cap, we will not only ensure that there are sufficient resources to address the ongoing pandemic, but also set up the healthcare systems in the insular areas to respond to the next public health challenge, whatever it may be. Most important of all, we will ensure that day-after-day and year-by-year, those with the smallest incomes and no access to other insurance receive the care that will keep them healthy and help ward off debilitating disease.

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The pandemic has brought home this truth: none of us can truly remain well, while some of us are ill. Now it is time for Congress to fully commit to making sure the poorest in the insular areas are treated equitably.

I thank my colleagues who joined me in introducing this legislation—Ms. HOLMES NOR-TON, Ms. PLASKETT, Mr. MOYLAN, Ms. RADEWAGEN, Ms. GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN, Mr. TORRES, Mr. TAKANO, Mr. VEASEY, Mr. TRONE, Mr. CASE, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Ms. BONARNICI, Ms. MENG, Mr. GARCÍA, Ms. LEE, Ms. MOORE, Ms. NAPOLITANO, and Ms. CHU.

HONORING THE LIFE OF PHYLLIS FABER

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 9, 2023

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in memory of Phyllis Faber, who passed away at the age of 95 on January 15, 2023. Instrumental to the conservation movement in Marin County and the state of California, Phyllis was a trailblazing environmentalist who leaves a legacy worthy of high commendation.

Born in New York City, Phyllis pursued a bachelor's degree in zoology from Mount Holyoke College and a master's degree in microbiology from Yale University. She eventually moved to Marin County in 1970, where she began her career as a wetlands biologist while teaching biology and natural history at the College of Marin. She became an effective advocate for wetlands restorations projects in the San Francisco Bay.

In 1980, Phyllis and Ellen Straus co-founded the Marin Agricultural Land Trust (MALT), the first land trust in the nation dedicated to protecting farmland. Leveraging a coalition of ranchers, environmentalists, and community leaders, MALT has since secured more than 55,000 acres in Marin County and invested more than \$1.8 million in projects aimed at improving and protecting the health of soil and water quality.

Phyllis was an active member of the California Native Plant Society, as well as editor of the organization's journal. During her membership, she was credited with improving the botanical literacy of elected officials and helped promote the preservation of native plants in legislation and public policy. Additionally, she served as a regional officer for the California Coastal Commission and as a trustee on the Buck Institute Board of Trustees.

Phyllis was known for her dedication, energy, and passionate advocacy for environmental stewardship. Without her efforts, Marin's landscape would be vastly different today. While she will be greatly missed, her legacy will live on through the preservation of Marin's natural beauty.

Mr. Speaker, I respectfully ask that you join me in expressing my deep appreciation for Phyllis' pioneering and lasting work in conservation and extending condolences to Phyllis' family and many friends.

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF MIKE DAVIS

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 9, 2023

Mr. CARTER of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I'm honored to celebrate and recognize the extraordinary work of Lawman Mike Davis. His decades of dedication to Central Texas reflect the hard work and commitment of an admirable public servant.

A native Texan, boy scout, sheriff, and Marine, Mike, as both a law enforcement officer and district attorney has lived a life devoted to ideas and causes bigger than himself. As a former judge, I know firsthand the essential role police officers and district attorneys play in maintaining law and order. Despite the challenges, they carry on, strengthened by their resolve to protect and serve. Whether working to serve big cities or small towns, they help preserve our way of life and are the shields that guard us from those lost souls who wish harm to others.

While Mike isn't tired of the privilege of service he knows that everything has its season and the time has come to allow the next generation of leaders to take the stage. Stepping away from work won't give him much idle time as he remains a vital part of the Central Texas community and will spend more time with his beloved wife Debbie and their family.

Retirement is meant to be celebrated and enjoyed. It is not the end of a career, but the beginning of a new adventure. It is my honor to recognize the selfless service of Mike Davis as he starts this new chapter of his life. On behalf of Central Texas, I thank him for his superb work and wish him the very best.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KATHY E. MANNING

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 9, 2023

Ms. MANNING. Mr. Speaker, unfortunately, I was unavoidably detained and missed Roll Call No. 111. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 111.

OPPOSITION TO H.J. RES. 24 AND H.J. RES. 26

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 9, 2023

Ms. McCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to H.J. Res. 24 and H.J. Res. 26 which would nullify legislation enacted by the D.C. Council.

Our constituents did not elect us to get involved in the local politics of our nation's capital city. Yet, House Republicans think it's appropriate to waste Congress's time to weigh in on D.C. politics instead of getting to work for the American people to cap insulin costs for everyone, make the wealthiest and the biggest corporations pay their fair share in taxes, or strengthen Social Security and Medicare.

The topic of H.J. Res. 26 is a dispute between the Mayor of D.C. and the D.C. Council, and Congress should not be involved. Congress does not have the authority to pass such a resolution for Minnesota or any other state—a power it would not have over D.C. and its 700,000 residents if it was rightly granted statehood.

Mr. Speaker, it is telling that a month into the 118th Congress, House Republicans have nothing to offer the American public but to waste their time with political stunts like this. It should be rejected.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN B. LARSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 9, 2023

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, due to family medical leave, I was not in Washington, D.C. on February 6 through February 9.

Had I been present, I would have voted as follows: YEA on Roll Call No. 107; NAY on Roll Call No. 108; NAY on Roll Call No. 109; YEA on Roll Call No. 110; YEA on Roll Call No. 111; YEA on Roll Call No. 112; YEA on Roll Call No. 113; YEA on Roll Call No. 114; YEA on Roll Call No. 115; NAY on Roll Call No. 116; YEA on Roll Call No. 117; NAY on Roll Call No. 118; and NAY on Roll Call No. 119.

HONORING THE BRIGHTON HIGH SCHOOL LEADERSHIP CLASS OF 2023

HON. ELISSA SLOTKIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 9, 2023

Ms. SLOTKIN. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to a group of motivated students in Livingston County who have a few things to teach the adults in the room. The Brighton High School Leadership Class of 2023 represents not just some of the best and brightest students in the great state of Michigan, but a group that gives me so much hope for the future because of the way they have dedicated themselves to improving the world around them.

While this class takes on many projects and endeavors, today I would like to highlight one in particular. Every year in October, the Leadership Class takes on the planning and execution of a weeklong fundraiser to support the local cancer center. But to call this a simple fundraiser does not encompass the scope of the endeavor. "Pink Week" is a citywide engagement initiative designed to unite the community around a common cause, and it's entirely student-led.

At the start of the week, BHS students paint downtown Brighton pink with spirit, covering store fronts, businesses and restaurants with pink ribbons and supportive messages. The days that follow are a flurry of pastel activity at the high school, including daily baked goods and t-shirt sales, face painting, drive-way decorating, a 5K race, a vocal competition, a powder puff football game, and a traditional football game complete with a "Pink